

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMERICAN FOOD SYSTEMS, INC., OLD
ANDOVER RESTAURANT, INC. d/b/a
GRASSFIELD'S FOOD & SPIRIT; OLD
WALTHAM RESTAURANT, INC. d/b/a
GRASSFIELD'S FOOD & SPIRIT; OLD
ARLINGTON RESTAURANT, INC.; d/b/a
JIMMY'S STEER HOUSE; OLD SAUGUS
RESTAURANT, INC. d/b/a JIMMY'S STEER
HOUSE; OLD SHREWSBURY RESTAURANT,
INC., d/b/a JIMMY'S TAVERN & GRILL; OLD
LEXINGTON RESTAURANT, INC. d/b/a
MARIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY,
and ALLIANZ GLOBAL RISKS UNITED
STATES INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-11497

**MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO
DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED COMPLAINT AS TO IMPROPER DEFENDANT**

Defendants Fireman's Fund Insurance Company ("Fireman's") and Allianz Global Risks United States Insurance Company ("AGR") (collectively, the "Defendants") respectfully submit this memorandum of law in support of their Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or, in the alternative, to dismiss AGR as an improper defendant. In support of this Motion, and as set forth more fully in the Memorandum in Support filed concurrently, Defendants state that (1) Plaintiffs' breach of contract claim should be dismissed for failure to state a claim because

Plaintiffs allege no facts which, if taken as true, demonstrate physical loss or damage necessary to trigger coverage; (2) Plaintiffs' bad faith claim should be dismissed for failure to state a claim because it was objectively reasonable for Fireman's to deny Plaintiffs' claim absent coverage; and (3) Plaintiffs' Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A claim should be dismissed for failure to state a claim because Plaintiffs' fail to allege an unfair or deceptive practice by Fireman's. Alternately, Defendants state that AGR should be dismissed because it is not party to the insurance policy in dispute.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant their Motion to Dismiss or, in the alternative, to dismiss AGR as a Defendant.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(d) of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Defendants respectfully request oral argument on the present Motion.

Dated: February 8, 2021

By their attorneys,

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RULE 7.1 CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a)(2) of the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, counsel for the Defendants certifies that they have conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and have attempted in good faith to narrow or resolve the issues addressed by this Motion.

/s/ Bruce Falby

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jamie Kurtz, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing, and paper copies will be sent by first-class mail to those indicated as non-registered participants on February 8, 2021.

/s/ Jamie Kurtz